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September 27, 1989

Mr. Michael Gearheard
Waste Management Branch
USEPA Region X
1200 Sixth Avenue HW-114
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Gearheard:

The Northwest Regional Office of Ecology has prepared the public notice for the closure of hazardous waste storage unit under interim status at the Rhone-Poulenc facility in Seattle, Washington. The state/EPA ID number for the facility is WAD 009282302.

The closure plan as presented for public comment was filed in July 1989 by Rhone-Poulenc. The closure proposal includes steam cleaning of all structures, bases and other materials contaminated with regulated wastes and/or waste residue from the storage area. Soil samples will be analyzed for determination of the need for soil removal in the storage area.

Enclosed are copies of the Public Notice and Fact Sheet for this permit action. These were prepared by David Lundstrom of the NWRO. The 30-day public comment period begins September 29, 1989 and ends October 30, 1989. A public announcement radio spot will be sent to KIRO for inclusion with their public service messages. The Public Notice will be published in the Seattle Times on September 29 and the Fact Sheet and Public Notice will be mailed to those on the hazardous waste interested parties list, regional, county and city planners etc. in the Seattle and surrounding zip codes.

The closure plan is available for public review at the NWRO. The Ecology contact for this closure is David Lundstrom of the NWRO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ethelwyn G. Hoffman".

Ethelwyn G. Hoffman
Program Support Section
Solid and Hazardous Waste Program

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Enclosures

cc: George Hofer, EPA Permit Section
Charles Rice, EPA Compliance
Jack Boller, EPA
David Lundstrom, NWRO
Rhone-Poulenc closure file

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the Interim Status Closure of a Storage Facility

The Washington Department of Ecology is accepting public comment regarding the closure of a hazardous waste storage area owned by Rhone-Poulenc, Incorporated, 9229 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington 98108.

Background Information

The company intends to close a storage area comprised of a drum storage area and a waste tank in accordance with the interim status standards under 40 CFR Part 265 and the Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC.

The drum storage area was constructed in 1980 and utilized until 1986 for the storage of methylene chloride, waste solvents and used oil. The tank has been used since 1980 to hold up to 4,500 gallons of strainer solids resulting from the manufacture of Vanillin.

The proposed closure action consists of decontaminating the storage area and equipment by using steam pressure cleaning. Concrete and soil testing will confirm decontamination.

Questions and comments on this action must be directed to the Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office, 4350 - 150th Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington 98052; telephone (206) 867-7217, Attention: Mr. David Lundstrom.

A copy of the facility closure plan is available for public review at the Department's Northwest Regional Office.

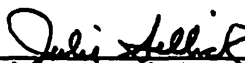
Public Comment

The Department will consider all public comments received during the comment period prior to final action on the closure plan. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days after publication of this notice.

A public hearing can be scheduled to discuss the proposed action if significant public interest is expressed. The decision as to whether there is significant public interest for holding the hearing will be based on the receipt of

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written notices of opposition and written requests for a public hearing prior to the end of the comment period. Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a basis for such a request and a discussion of topics to be raised in a public hearing. Even if a hearing is not held, all written comments will be considered in making a final decision on this proposed action. Please send comments and requests for public hearing to the Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office, 4350 - 150th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052, Attention: Mr. David Lundstrom.



Julie Sellick, Supervisor
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FACT SHEET

PROPOSED ACTION: Approval of an
Interim Status
Closure of a
Storage Facility

FACILITY NAME: Rhone-Poulenc, Inc.

EPA/STATE I.D. No.: WAD 009282302

FACILITY OWNER: Rhone-Poulenc, Inc.

FACILITY ADDRESS: 9229 East Marginal Way South
Seattle, Washington 98108

Basis for Proposed Action

Rhone-Poulenc, Inc. purchased the vanillin manufacturing facility and property from Monsanto in 1986. At this time, the facility was permitted for storage of hazardous waste up to the maximum capacity of 100 gallons in container storage and a maximum capacity of 4,500 gallons in tank storage, under an interim status Part A Application dated October 4, 1982.

A revised notification form was sent to the Department on September 30, 1986, for Generator activities only (less than 90-day storage) associated with the production of vanillin by Rhone-Poulenc. Rhone-Poulenc requested to have its interim status withdrawn in October, 1986 and agreed to close the facility for Monsanto and to fulfill all regulatory requirements in connection with closure of the interim status facility.

Monsanto submitted a closure plan to the Department in August 1986, as required by 40 CFR Part 265 and WAC 173-303-400. A revised plan was submitted by Rhone-Poulenc to the Department in August of 1988. The final amended plan for public notice was submitted in July 1989.

The proposed closure consists of steam cleaning all bases, structures, or other materials containing or contaminated with regulated wastes or waste residue from the storage area. Soil beneath the structure will be analyzed if leakage through the concrete pad is suspected. Samples of soil along the perimeter of the structure will be analyzed to determine the need for soil removal in these locations. Post closure monitoring is not anticipated for these management units since all regulated wastes or waste residues will be removed. This area will be used in the future for storage of regulated wastes for less than 90-days, in accordance with the generator standards of WAC 173-303-170 through 230.

Comment Period

Begins: SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 Ends: OCTOBER 30, 1989

All persons, including the applicant, who wish to comment on the proposed action, should submit in writing all relevant issues and arguments supporting their position by the end of the comment period. Comments should be sent to: Washington State Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, 4350 150th Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington 98052; Attention: Mr. David Lundstrom.

Procedures for Requesting a Hearing

A public hearing will be held to discuss the proposed action if significant public interest is expressed. Written notices of opposition and written requests for a public hearing must be submitted prior to the end of the comment period. Any requests for a hearing must be in writing and should state the nature of issues proposed to be raised in a public hearing. Even if a hearing is not to be held, all written comments will be considered in making a final decision on this proposed action. Please send comments and requests for public hearing to: Washington Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, 4350 - 150th Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington 98052; Attention: Mr. David Lundstrom. Persons with questions can telephone Mr. David Lundstrom of Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Redmond, Washington, at (206) 867-7217.